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Gentlemen:

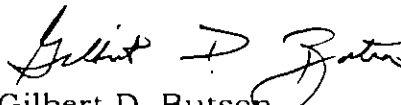
We were contacted yesterday by West Molokai Association ("WMA") with respect to the matter discussed below.

WMA is represented in the above-referenced proceeding by attorney William W. Milks. Mr. Milks is a solo practitioner currently on an extended three-week vacation in Japan with his family. We believe he is scheduled to return home on or about October 2, 2009.

As he is currently unavailable to respond to the Motion to Intervene filed September 14, 2009 by Stand For Water, an unincorporated Hawaii association, on his behalf and on behalf of WMA, we are requesting the Commission grant WMA a reasonable extension of time after his return from Japan for Mr. Milks to prepare an appropriate response to the Motion to Intervene.

This request is made pursuant to HAR § 6-61-41(c).

Very truly yours,


Gilbert D. Butson

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cc: West Molokai Association (via e-mail)
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